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CAPE TOWN FOR ASST SEC EASUM AND EMBASSY

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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH PRESIDENT KAUNDA

1. FOLLOWING PRESIDENT KAUNDA'S STATE HOUSE BREAKFAST NOV 6 FOR ASST SEC EASUM, WHICH ALSO ATTENDED BY AMBASSADORS HURD, BOLEN, HINTON, CARTER, AND STEVENSON AS WELL AS AMBASSADOR WILKOWSKI, PRESIDENT'S ADVISOR MARK CHONA AND FOREIGN MINISTER MWAANGA, LATTER THREE WITHDREW WITH PRESIDENT AND EASUM FOR DISCUSSION OF SOUTHERN AFRICAN ISSUES WITH FOCUS ON SOUTH AFRICAN ROLE.

2. KAUNDA SAID ZAMBIAN POLICY FIRMLY BASED ON LUSAKA MANIFESTO. SOUTH AFRICA HAS OPPORTUNITY TO BENEFIT FROM MANIFESTO AND SPIRIT BEHIND IT. UPON WITHDRAWAL OF SUPPORT FROM RHODESIA AND GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO NAMIBIA, SOUTH AFRICA WILL WIN
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RESPECT AND FIND ITS OWN DOMESTIC PROBLEM GENERALLY

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VIEWED WITH UNDERSTANDING AND SYMPATHY; THERE WILL
BE A READINESS ON PART OF OTHERS TO HELP WITH
ITS RESOLUTION. VORSTER'S RECENT REMARKS HAVE
BEEN ENCOURAGING, BUT THE DIRECTION AND DISTANCE HE
WILLING TO GO NOT CLEAR. CONSISTENT WITH ITS EFFORTS
FOR PAST DECADE, ZAMBIA CONTINUES WORK TO CREATE AND
MAINTAIN PEACEFUL ENVIRONMENT. THIS HAS BEEN PURPOSE
OF CONTACT WITH LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AS WELL AS WITH
SOUTH AFRICANS AND PORTUGUESE OVER THE YEARS.

3. AS REGARDS US-ZAMBIA RELATIONS, KAUNDA SAID, WITH
SOUTHEAST ASIA ISSUE NO LONGER DIVIDING THE TWO COUNTRIES,
THE PURPOSE NOW IS TO BUILD LONG-TERM UNDERSTANDING.
RELATIONS ARE WARM. THERE ARE MANY PROBLEMS IN WORLD
TODAY, (E.G., FOOD AND ENERGY) WHICH REQUIRE
GOODWILL AND COLLABORATION.

4. EASUM RESPONDED US UNDERSTANDS AND ADMIRES ROLE ZAMBIA
HAS BEEN PLAYING IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND ITS COUSEL IS
APPRECIATED. IN PARTICULAR, WE ARE WELL AWARE OF
PERSONAL EFFORTS OF KAUNDA, IN COLLABORATION WITH
MOBUTU AND NYERERE, TO CREATE PROPER NEGOTIATING
CLIMATE FOR PORTUGUESE AND FRELIMO WHICH SO IMPORTANT
FOR FUTURE OF MOZAMBIQUE.

5. PRESIDENT'S MAIN PREOCCUPATION WAS RHODESIA WHICH
HE SAID IS PROBLEM SOLELY BECAUSE SMITH REGIME IS
SUPPORTED BY SOUTH AFRICA. THE CLAIM THAT THE RHODESIAN
LIBERATION MOVEMENTS ARE IN THE COMMUNIST POCKET IS A
CANARD; THEY ARE NATIONALISTS WITH NOWHWERE ELSE TO
TURN. MAINTAINING SOUTH AFRICAN FORCES IN RHODESIA
MAKES LITTLE OR NO SENSE. THEY ARE SAID TO BE THERE
TO PROTECT SOUTH AFRICA, AN EXTENSION OF SOUTH AFRICA'S
FRONTIER -- "A FALSE FRONTIER" -- TO FIGHT FREEDOM MOVEMENTS.
THE RHODESIAN-SOUTH AFRICAN BORDER IS VERY SHORT AND THERE
IS NO THREAT OF TERRORIST INCURSIONS INTO SOUTH AFRICA.
EASUM ASKED KAUNDA OPINION OF SA FORCES AS BARGAINING COUNTER
WITH SMITH. KAUNDA RESPONDED FACT OF LIFE IS SA ABILITY TO
PRESSURE SMITH WOULD BE STRONGER IF THOSE FORCES WITHDRAWN.
IN ANY EVENT, SINCE SOUTH AFRICA IS THE MAIN PROP OF RHODES-
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IAN ECONOMY, THREAT OF OR ACTUAL WITHDRAWAL OF ECONOMIC
SUPPORT WOULD BE MUCH MORE EFFECTIVE IN BRINGING
RHODESIANS TO REASON.

6. RE NAMIBIA, KAUNDA ASSERTED NOTHING CAN STOP THE
NAMIBIANS FROM FIGHTING ON, BUT CHANGE CAN ONLY
BE BROUGHT ABOUT BY SA. IT CAN LEAVE WITHOUT
LOOSING ANYTHING AND SHOULD DO SO GRACEFULLY.

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DOES THAT MEAN GRADUALLY OR PROGRESSIVELY? KAUNDA
RESPONDED BY REPEATING GRACEFULLY. PRESIDENT SAID
NAMIBIA SHOULD NOT BE COMPARTMENTALIZED BY TRIBE;
THAT WOULD PRODUCE WEAKNESS AND SA WOULD BE MORE
SECURE WITH STRONG UNIFIED NEGHBOR THAN A WEAK ONE.
HE WAS ENCOURAGED TO BELIEVE SA MIGHT SEE THIS BY POSI-
TIVE ATTITUDE IT HAD SHOWN TOWARD IMPORTANCE OF HEALTHY
MOZAMBIQUE. ASKED ABOUT THE UN ROLE, KAUNDA REPLIED
NAMIBIA WOULD NEED MUCH TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
AND HE PREFERRED SEE AID CHANNELED THROUGH UN, BUT
THAT UP TO DONORS. MWAANGA SAID COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA
EXISTS TO TAKE OVER ADMINISTRAION FROM SA. RE
POSSIBLE RESUMPTION OF UNSYG TALKS WITH SA ON NAMIBIA,
FOREIGN MINISTER SAID THAT DEPENDS ON WHETHER SA
IN POSITION TO BE RESPONSIVE; THE EARLIER ROUND OF CON-
TACTS HAD PRODUCED NO RESULTS. CHONA SAID US
COULD BE HELPFUL BY SECURING FROM SOUTH AFRICANS A
DEFINITION OF THEIR INTENTIONS IF THEY READY MOVE
AHEAD WITH SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE IN NAMIBIA.
HOW DO THEY PROPOSE TO PROCEED? WHEN? WHAT KIND OF
ADMINISTRATION DO THEY ENVISION?

7. KAUNDA EMPHASIZED HIS VIEW THAT THE SOUTH AFRICANS
WILL LISTEN TO THE US. HE HOPED EASUM WOULD REPEAT
TO THE SOUTH AFRICANS WHAT HE HAD SAID. ZAMBIA
WANTS PEACE, NOT PEACE AT ANY COST, BUT AN HONORABLE
PEACE AND IT IS WILLING TO PLAY ITS PART AS ARE
OTHERS.

8. EASUM ASKED ABOUT THE PROBLEMS OF UNIFYING THE
ANGOLAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. KAUNDA SAID THERE HAD
REALLY BEEN NO NEW DEVELOPMENTS. UNITY IS ESSENTIAL;
THE BUKAVU AGREEMENT MUST BE IMPLEMENTED. WHEN EASUM
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MADE NON-SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO MOBUTU SUPPORT OF CERTAIN
ANGOLAN MOVEMENT, KAUNDA SAID HE RECOGNIZES THIS IS
PROBLEM COMPOUNDING THE DISUNITY OF THE ANGOLANS.
EVERYONE MUST, HOWEVER, CONTINUE TO WORK FOR UNITY.
THERE IS DANGER IN DISUNITY AMONG MEN WHO HAVE BEEN
TRAINED TO USE WEAPONS WHICH MUST NOW BE PUT ASIDE SO
WORK ON ESTABLISHING CIVIL AUTHORITY CAN PROCEED
AND THE PEOPLE CAN BE GIVEN A CHANCE TO DECIDE FOR
THEMSELVES AS IN MOZAMBIQUE.
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